



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION NO. 55 KBB 2005

### *PREFERENCE FOR USE OF LOUISIANA INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES*

**WHEREAS,** the state of Louisiana acknowledges the extreme disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina and the state of emergency the citizens of southeast Louisiana are coping with;

**WHEREAS,** due to the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina, businesses from southeast Louisiana have been disrupted and displaced, and are in jeopardy of closure;

**WHEREAS,** under the provisions of the Louisiana Homeland and Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, and R.S. 29:724 in particular, the governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies or disasters and may issue executive orders, proclamations, and regulations which shall have the effect of law; and

**WHEREAS,** Louisiana's economy is suffering a dramatic downturn of business activity as a result of Hurricane Katrina and, therefore, it is in the best interest of the state of Louisiana to encourage private companies to procure, employ, and contract with their fellow Louisiana citizens, if possible, in an attempt to stimulate new economic growth, stability, and longevity for Louisiana businesses, especially those suffering hardships in the parishes most affected;

**NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** All contractors receiving state or local contracts as a result of the impact of Hurricane Katrina are strongly urged to give first preference to contractors, vendors, or firms which were located in the hurricane impact area, on or immediately prior to August 29, 2005, with the goal that all contractors will make an effort to seek a fair representation of women and minority owned contractors, vendors or firms.

**SECTION 2:** All contractors receiving state or local contracts as a result of the impact of Hurricane Katrina are strongly urged to give second preference to contractors, vendors, or firms which are located outside of the hurricane impact area but within the state of Louisiana, with the goal that all contractors will make an effort to seek a fair representation of women and minority owned contractors, vendors or firms.

**SECTION 3:** All contractors are encouraged to submit a plan of action to comply with this proclamation to the relevant and appropriate contracting agency. Such state agencies are hereby directed to provide a copy of this plan to the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (hereafter **Department**). The Department shall maintain a master list of contracts received by Louisiana businesses.

**SECTION 4:** This proclamation is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 22nd day of September, 2005.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco  
**GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA**

**ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Al Ater  
SECRETARY OF STATE